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AROUND THE CIRCLE.

NOTES FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

Bits of News from Flora Vista—Items
of Interest from Laplata
and Largo.

Flora Vista.

Special Correspondence.

FLORA VISTA, Jan. 17.—Rev. Father Hamilton of Jewett came up Tuesday and was the guest of J. H. Goodwin. Mr. Hamilton will move to Mancos in the spring.

George and H. Van Bocken came down from Silverton Saturday to attend the funeral of their father. They returned to Silverton Thursday.

Thomas Tharp is moving on to the Van Bocken ranch, having rented it for a year.

Mrs. J. C. Scott is reported to be seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Page are on the sick list this week.

James Heather, the genial Jim, the shepherd king of San Juan county, is somewhat interested in the pending tariff bill. We must cling to our Democracy, Jim, and wait.

Largo.

Special Correspondence.

LARGO, Jan. 18.—Your correspondent desires to state that owing to a little pleasure trip taken recently, he could not send in any items of interest for the present week, but will endeavor to fill up the gaps in the future as well as he is able under the circumstances.

In visiting our neighboring town, Durango, lately, we noticed several of San Juan's citizens in business there for the winter. Judge C. Dominguez of the upper San Juan has opened up a feed corral and is disposing of his and his neighbors' produce on commission. Parties here concluded that they would bale their surplus hay and haul it to Durango and place it in the hands of their own agent for disposal instead of trusting to the markets or outside commission men and they are realizing the difference in the sale. Enriquez Manzanarez is also on hand in Durango selling his and his neighbors' surplus commodities and productions of the upper San Juan valley. Parties who do the delivering of the products of the farm to Durango return with a load of lumber, thus making a load both ways.

In these hard times it stands the ranchmen in hand to co-operate and economize and to keep clear of the middlemen as much as possible.

On our return from Durango we stopped for the night with our old friend, Richard Ridenour, who has a nice ranch under the upper Animas ditch above Cedar Hill. To say that we were hospitably entertained does not state it. A few of his neighbors came in and entertained us with music and singing until late bed time. As they had received the news that we had just returned and brought back with us our better half and as she was just from the east, they wished to entertain us in a Christian manner. Our hostess and her companion and family certainly understand how to welcome new comers to the far west.

We arrived back home Sunday at nightfall and in the future will as heretofore entertain to the best of our ability all weary pilgrims that chance to come our way.

As the season advances toward spring, already emigrants are beginning to come to the sunny San Juan seeking homes. A few more good locations could be had by by enterprising persons of pluck and energy who would help improve the waste places and would soon make the upper San Juan as other portions of our county blossom and fruit as a rose garden.

Pablo Candelario of Alcatraz has returned from Durango with another load of goods and still holds forth at his old stand at Alcatraz. He is remodeling his houses on his ranch opposite the mouth of Canon Largo and will move there in the spring and open his trading post.

Peter Pilon of the firm of Pilon &

Fisher has just returned from Durango with a load of goods and are selling at bed rock prices.

Some 50,000 head of sheep are being wintered south of here on the ranges this winter and so far are doing well. Train loads (burro trains) of pelts come in almost daily to barter off for supplies.

Parties are being summoned almost daily to Santa Fe to help grind out the grist deposited there by the U. S. grand jury. Several seem to be in the law meshes for keeping or trying to keep more than one woman.

Mrs. R. B. Howes has commenced a school at or near Gubnador canon and will teach during the winter months.

Pilon and Snyder are still at work on their ditch and expect to get water across Canon Largo by springtime.

La Plata.

Special Correspondence.

LA PLATA, Jan. 20.—Mud. Mud. Mud.

The river has commenced running again and everybody has plenty of water.

Miss Leona Dodson who has been detained at home since the holidays by sickness returned to Durango Sunday where she is attending school.

Tom Chapman of Durango has purchased hay from Harry Allen, at whose place he will feed about 600 head of wethers. The sheep were bought from the Mormon Co-op outfit of Bluff and are expected in in a day or two.

About 375 head of beef steers are being fed on the Laplata river and there is yet something like 2000 tons of alfalfa hay unsold.

Ira Fulcher sports a handsome new buggy, made by N. W. Hammond of Durango.

The Cato brothers will soon go to Durango where they will build three heavy ore wagons for Silverton parties.

A good blacksmith who wishes to devote a part of his time to ranching or some other business can find a good location in these parts.

Jesse Green met with quite a serious accident last week. He was driving four horses and in some way the horses became entangled and turned the wagon over catching Mr. Greene under the load and breaking three of his ribs and otherwise bruising him up

severely.

A conservative estimate places the alfalfa grown on the Laplata this year at something like 4500 tons. This has all been grown between the Barker arroyo and the Colorado line a distance of about 11 miles.

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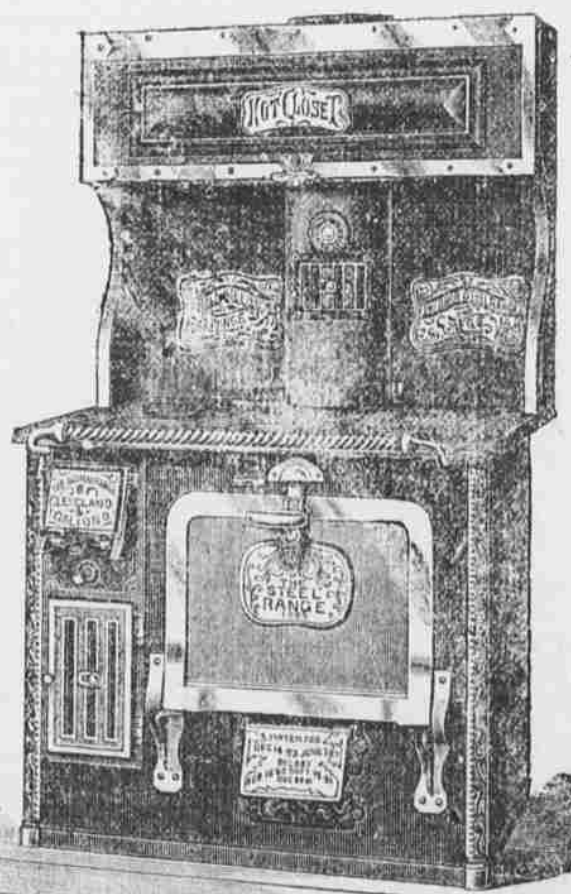
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